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SUBJECT : INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

PART 1 - NOMINATION - JUSTIFICATION

1. NAME: SHAIKH ABDULLA BIN KHALID AL-KHALIFA

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS AND (SPECIAL) ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PRESENT: MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MUNICIPALITIES

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ST : JUDGE IN SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

PRESIDENT OF RIFA MUNICIPALITY

PRESIDENT OF MANAMA MUNICIPALITY

3. PERSONAL DATA:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 1922, BAHRAIN, AGE - 52

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: BAHRAINI

NO OTHER PREVIOUS CITIZENSHIP

4. TRAVEL ABROAD

TO U.S. : NONE

TO OTHER COUNTRIES: UNITED KINGDOM

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVT. GRANT: NONE

6. ESCORT SERVICES

ESCORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED AND CABINET MINISTER STATUS ACCORDED

NO INTERPRETER NECESSARY

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7. TENTATIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION:

SHAIKH ABDULLA IS RESPECTED CABINET MINISTER WHOSE POSITION MAKES HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR SOLVING SEVERAL OF BAHRAIN'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS. HE IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THIS OR OTHER POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE AND POWER FOR SOME YEARS TO COME. HE HAS NEVER BEEN TO U.S. AND WOULD UNDOUBTABLY ENJOY AND BENEFIT FROM EXPOSURE TO U.S.

9. BAHRAIN SUFFERF749. -:753 #945-&3 9\* ARABLE LAND AND SHORTAGE IS INCREASING EVERY YEAR AS CITY OF MANAMA EXPANDS INTO MAIN FERTILE AREA. MINISTER IN HIS DUAL CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND MUNICIPALITIES IS UNIQUELY PLACED TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM.

POST FEELS MINISTER AND BAHRAIN WOULD BENEFIT FROM HIS EXPOSURE TO NEW RESEARCH AND TECHNIQUES BEING DEVELOPED IN U.S. IN FIELD OF AIRD LANDS AGRICULTURE. CARTER HILLS OF FAO, ROME, HAS SUGGESTED THAT MINISTER VISIT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RIVERSIDE SALINITY LABORATORY IN CALIFORNIA, STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND EXPERIMENTAL STATION AT UUSCON, ARIZONA AND HYDROCULTURE, INC. OF ARIZONA (LOCATED IN PHOENIX OR TUSCON).

IN ADDITION HIS PROGRAM MIGHT INCLUDE RESEARCH ON INTEGRATING URBAN DEVELOPMENT INTO RURAL AREAS, I.E. PRESERVING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF LAND WHILE ALLOWING FOR URBAN GROWTH. POST WOULD REQUEST THAT VIP STATUS AND PER DIEM BE GRANTED TO AL-KHALIFA AS CABINET MINISTER. TRAVEL SHOULD BE FIRST CLASS.

10. POST ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR U.S. PROGRAM: NEED FOR TRAVEL GRANT NOT FIRM AS OF THIS DATE AS AL-KHALIFA MAY BE GOING TO THE U.S. IN AUGUST, 1974 AT OWN EXPENSE. LENGTH OF OFFICIAL PROGRAM SHOULD BE THREE TO FOUR WEEKS IF U.S. GOVT. PAYS TRAVEL, LESS IF MINISTER TRAVELS PRIVATELY. POST HAS NO ASSURANCE THAT MINISTER ABLE TO BE AWAY FROM BAHRAIN, FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME BUT BELIEVES APPROACH WORTHWHILE. PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY ASAP.

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